

State Police Conducting Investigation Related to Boating Accident- Rehoboth Bay

Rehoboth Bay- The Delaware State Police are currently conducting an investigation related to a boating accident that occurred yesterday evening.

The incident occurred on July 26, 2020, at approximately 6:37 p.m. when units were dispatched to Massey's Landing to assist in an investigation related to a boating accident.

The investigation revealed the victim and his wife were fishing on the Rehoboth Bay in their 2000 19' Trophy boat. When they were getting ready to head back to their dock, the victim discovered his fishing line was stuck underneath the rear of the boat, and he jumped in the water to untangle the line. After jumping in the water, the victim discovered the water was deeper than anticipated, and the current was strong. The victim had difficulty swimming, and the current was pulling him in the opposite direction of the boat. After some time, a passing boat observed the victim in distress, and several subjects jumped from the boat and pulled the victim from the water onto their boat. Indian River Fire Company then arrived and transported the victim to Massey's Landing.

The victim, a 57-year-old male from Lewes, was then transported to a nearby hospital. His name is being withheld pending the notification of next of kin and extended family. He is currently listed in critical condition.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services

Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov

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